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Medical E-Newsletter



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Time is Running Out!! The Medicare EHR Incentive Program will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and CAHs that demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

- Participation can begin as early as 2011.
- Eligible professionals can receive up to **\$44,000** over five years under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. There's an additional incentive for eligible professionals who provide services in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HSPA).
- **To get the maximum incentive payment, Medicare eligible professionals must begin participation by 2012.**

Source: cms.gov

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A Healthy New Year: 5 Resolutions Your Doctors Wish You'd Make

1. Get Moving- "I wish my patients would take exercise more seriously," said Vanjani. "It is the single best thing you can do for your health." From acting as a natural anti-depressant to warding off heart attacks, adding just three 10-minute bouts of walking a day can be transformative for the mind,

2. Make that Appointment- "...make 2012 the year you get on track with all your appointments – go see (or get) a primary care doctor, a gynecologist, a dentist, and an eye doctor. (A therapist isn't a bad idea, either.) Waiting until something's wrong can mean waiting until it's too late."

3. **Eat Three Meals a Day-** "consistent meals are critical for maintaining energy, concentration, weight, and digestive regularity. And, if your body doesn't know the next time it's eating, it will hold onto what it can, when it can (hello, bloating!)."

4. **Know your Family History-** "Have you ever felt totally confident filling out that family history form in the lobby of a doctor's office? If the answer is "no" – or even "kind of" – change it to "yes" in 2012. You'll make better use of your time in the clinic and enable your doctor to better assess your risks."

5. **Be Thankful-** "Being thankful isn't just nice – it's also healthy. "Those who practice gratitude see emotional, health, and interpersonal benefits," says Erin Peterson, PhD, a clinical psychologist in Washington, D.C. She suggests writing regularly in a journal about things you appreciate..."

source: forbes.com

The Coding Corner

Is there a duplication of code sets with ICD-10?

For a period of two years or more, systems will need to access both ICD-9-CM codes and ICD-10-CM codes as the country transitions from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM. Mapping will be necessary so that equivalent codes can be found for issues of disease tracking, medical necessity edits and outcomes studies.

Source: aapc.gov

Q & A

Q: I'm still unsure about the ICD-10, where can I find more information?

A: More information can be found [here](#), or you can call [URS](#) and talk to our well-informed staff!

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